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09708,038	11/08/2000	Zaheer Khalfan	1084-7/MBE	8013

TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL PAPER SORTING METHOD DEVICE AND APPARATUS

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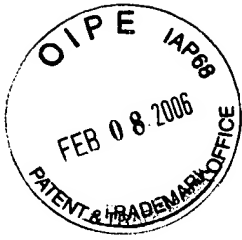
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/708,038**  
**Filing Date: November 8, 2000**  
**Group Art Unit: 3651**  
**Title: OPTICAL PAPER SORTING METHOD**  
**DEVICE AND APPARATUS**  
**Applicants: Zaheer Khalfan and Sheldon Greenspan**  
**Our File: 1084-7/MBE**

The applicants note that the Notice of Allowability dated November 10, 2005 did not acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority application, namely Canadian Patent Application No. 2,323,876 filed October 19, 2000, which the applicants filed in this application on March 16, 2001. A copy of the acknowledgement postcard, duly date-stamped on March 16, 2001 and returned by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is enclosed.

We look forward to receiving confirmation that the applicants' claim to priority has been made of record in this application.

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